GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nehru Yuva Kendras have started any national level compaign in the name of National unity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain criticism came up against the activities of Nehru Yuva Kendras because of other party volunteers making use of that;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS) had undertaken a programme of National awakening and development titled `Hum Karen Rashtra Aradhan(HKRA)` throughout the country. The programme was aimed at focusing on the priority areas of youth concern and on the menace of terrorism. For the effective implementation of HKRA programme, NYKS organised six special campaign programmes such as Hariyali Abhiyan, Formation of Self Help Groups(SHGs), Health awareness programmes, National Yuva Cooperative campaign for the empowerment of Gram Sabhas, Yoga and organisation of Rashtriya Yuva Yatras. The Rashtriya Yuva Yatras were undertaken from Kaladi(Kerala), Puri, Dwaraka and Paonta Sahib, Sirmour(H.P.).Further, a sub-yatra undertaken from Moirang(Manipur) later merged with Puri Yuva Yatra at Ranchi.A total of 125 districts of 21 States were covered through these yatras. The Yatra traversing from all four directions of the country and by covering a distance of about 12520 kms concluded at New Delhi on 11.2.2002. Coinciding with this, a concluding function was organised at New Delhi. During the concluding programme, about 200 Yuva cyclists who successfully completed the Yatras were felicitated by the Minister of Civil Aviation and Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.